

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2865

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By Mr. Fagan of Taunton, petition of James H. Fagan that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services be authorized to make an investigation and study relative to non-profit group homes. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STUDY BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES RELATIVE TO NONPROFIT GROUP HOMES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The executive office of health and human services is hereby  
2 authorized and directed to conduct a study relative to the feasi-  
3 bility of establishing a fairness rule which would provide for a  
4 more equitable distribution of nonprofit group homes throughout  
5 the commonwealth. Such study shall include, but not be limited  
6 to, a review of the number and location of such group homes cur-  
7 rently in use, an analysis of the ratio of such existing group homes  
8 to population for each municipality, and an analysis of the neigh-  
9 borhoods in which such group homes currently in use are located  
10 in terms of economic factors. Such study shall consider the feasi-  
11 bility of establishing a formula or guidelines to ensure an equi-  
12 table distribution of such group homes in municipalities based  
13 upon population and upon economic composition of the neighbor-  
14 hood. Said department shall report to the general court the results  
15 of its study, and its recommendations into effect, by filing the  
16 same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before  
17 July 1, 2006.